

DIAMOND MOGULS MUFFED A DAYLIGHT SAVER WHEN THEY FAILED TO ABOLISH THE SPITTER

VETERAN BALLTOSSERS STAGE COMEBACK SEASON WHILE KIDS ARE FIGHTING IN WORLD WAR

Flock From Retirement in Doves and Propose to Show Just How the Old Game Ought to Be Played

Back from the farm and obscurity's calm, Where the gutting was good from old age or Linn arm, They are coming in bunches with well-defined benches...

THE guy who spilled that sage utterance, "They never come back," is going up against the real test of his sagacity this season. If they don't come back in baseball this year it will at least be because the old-timers have abandoned hope.

After playing twenty-one years in big-league society and going back one season, Nap Lajoie has been sought by several big-league clubs. This is the stellar item in the season's comeback news.

Next to Lajoie, the greatest comeback interest attaches to the possible appearance for his twenty-eighth season as a ballplayer of Honus Wagner. The great Dutchman was not going to play last season and did not appear until the Dreyfus bankroll thawed out in midsummer.

AND Johnny Evers offers an interesting line of speculation, for the peppery Trojan has been signed up by one of the greatest big-league squads and word has gone forth that he is expected to perform as a Red Sox regular.

List of Attempting Comebacks Imposing

BEST comeback tale of the season came some time ago out of an old soldier's home in St. Louis. Old Jack Powell, the pitcher who is almost as old as Cy Young, who is fifty-two, got a lot of publicity on account of his reported ambition to renege as a member of the St. Louis Browns.

The bona-fide list includes, in addition to those mentioned, Big Ed Walsh, Big Bill James, Rube Oldring, Jimmy Archer, Smokey Joe Wood, Wild Bill Dugovan, Lefty Leifield, Ray Demmitt and Bob Harmon, and there are others, including Grover Lowdermilk, who, although not an old-timer, has been bobbing up and down for several seasons, awaiting somebody who could tame him.

Big Ed Walsh has caught on again with his old manager, Fielder Jones, for whom he pulled through some notable championships as iron man for the hitless White Sox. This move may have been gratitude, for the great hurler had been turned down by big-league managers generally.

As is well known, Rube Oldring returns from the family farm to his old love, C. Mack. Bill James does likewise in his move to get back into the Braves' pitching cast. Jimmy Archer will coach and get a catching trial with the Pirates, while Smokey Joe Wood will stage a return to fast society with Cleveland.

WORD from the New Orleans training camp of the Cleveland team already has it that Smokey Joe Wood seems sure to come through. It is said that his arm is as good as new and that he is showing such good form as a sfielder and hitter that he is certain to stick in the game this time.

Wise Pitcher Changes His Style, Says Coombs

THE successful pitcher must follow the example of the successful makers of garments and setters of fashions, according to Jack Coombs. The style must be changed with the seasons to enable a boxman to be effective, for he must surprise the batter with something new, states Colby Jack.

"The batters get wise after a while whether a man is a high or low ball pitcher," quoth Jack. "They remember the next spring what kind of a delivery to expect, and if the pitcher sticks to his old style it's all off with him. My advice to the high-ball pitcher of last year is to switch to the low ball this season and vice versa. The batter will be looking for the high balls of a year ago, and if the pitcher feeds the low-article for a while he's got the batters going south. Of course, a judicious mixture now and then will keep them fooled all the time."

In the case of Mameaux, Coombs expressed the opinion that Al had not changed his high-ball delivery since his good year with the Pirates, and the fact that he has been hit hard since was because he did not switch and the batters were hep to his old army tactics, so to speak.

Al maintained that he had used a low ball almost exclusively last season, but Jack argued the matter, especially where it related to the Brooklyn games in which Mameaux took part. It was a stand-off, though Al may be expected to spring the unexpected after a few more confabs with Colby Jack and Uncle Robbie.

COOMBS at least is on the right track as far as Mameaux is concerned, for the form shown by the temperate Pittsburgher so far during training has not been encouraging. It may be that the young hurler's long period of laying-off and not taking any care of himself has put him down and out for keeps.

McGraw Continues to Boost Flashy Youngsters

ALTHOUGH he has received some notable setbacks in his policy of boosting youngsters in extravagant fashion, Manager Jawn McGraw, of the Giants, sticks to the plan. Lured publicity, which McGraw favored, ruined the opening season in the National of Rube Marquard and Bennie Kauff, but each year finds the persistent Muggsy touting one or more kids in brass-band fashion and before the season has started.

This year he has a couple of juvenile phenoms, upon whom he is unusually lavish. He declares both marvels and keeps New York scribes from sounding their praises from the journalistic home tops. His wonders are being counted upon to fill Robertson's shoes, and announcements as to just how good he is might have weight in naming Robertson as a buy-out. Also perhaps McGraw figures that Young is a player who needs confidence and is not likely to be inflated with praise.

The case of Pitcher Winters, however, stands on its own footing. Winters has no chance of sticking this season, and besides he is in Class I of the draft and likely to be called at any time. He looks so good, however, that the Giant chief has used the greatest superlative possible in describing him—he looks more like Christy Mathewson than any he has ever seen. Winters blew into Marlin unannounced and the nothing in the way of an introduction, except a letter from a manager of another team, who saw him playing in the actus of the Southwest.

The case of McGraw's young pitcher, Winters, is a right-hander and has Young, a native Texas product. The latter player has been quite a success on his home town, San Antonio, where the Giants are holding exhibition games.

It is said that the budding hurler needs an experience, and that he is going to be sent to the big league with a few good curves.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



RAY MILLER, END STAR, QUILTS PENN

Valuable Wing Man Lost When Brother of Varsity Captain Drops Studies

NO SPRING PRACTICE

Another severe blow hit Penn football prospects for 1918 when it was learned today that Ray Miller, star end on the freshman eleven last season, has been dropped from the University rolls.

Miller put up a sensational game at right end for Lou Jordan's aggregation, and he was considered as a valuable man eleven next season. He is a big youth and speed and was the star of the football team following the last season.

He is a brother of the former Penn gridiron captain, Heine, who captained the team last season, and Alie, who was the Red and Blue leader in 1916. Ray is taller than either of his brothers and it was thought that he would make as good, if not a better, end than Heine. His extra height would enable him to be a good receiver of forward passes and also would give him an advantage on the defense for the same play.

Bob Petwell, the football tutor, visited Franklin Field yesterday and announced that there would be no spring practice this year. He stated that he did not believe it worth while to take his candidates from the other sports in which they now are engaged to teach them just a few new pointers concerning the gridiron game.

Not more than four of the veterans who started the Cornell game last Thanksgiving Day will be available to Petwell next September. The four who at present are expected back are Horby Light and Joe Strauss, the star half-backs; Joe Van Duzen, an end, and "T" Tackles. An even half dozen of the players have entered the service. Bert Bell, the captain-elect, and Heine, Miller, the 1917 leader, are with the Base Hospital Unit No. 29, which left this city yesterday. Howard Berry is in the officers' training camp at Ft. Meade, Maryland in the ordnance department. Herb Deiter is a student-aviator and Alex Wray is enrolled at the Naval Academy. Mitchell Cleary is still in college, but will be graduated in June.

\$2 Ticket Pays \$122.30

Bowie, Md., April 2.—The performance of Caro Nemo, the first long shot of the season, held the attention of race followers here today. The mare breezed in the last race. She paid \$122.30 for a \$2 mutual ticket.

HORNSBY RESENTS PUBLICITY "WISHED" ON HIM BY WEEGHMAN

Lot of Rough Stuff Manufactured "Up North," States Walloping Wonder

MALIGNING a baseball giant with publicity thrust upon him does not appear in the dictionaries or directories among the list of hospitalities known as southern. Next to Buck Herzog, the greatest advertised personage of the winter season has been Shortstop Rogers Hornsby, of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hornsby got a million dollars' worth of publicity in the public prints, which he says was heaped on him by Weeghman and entirely without his knowledge or consent. It was manufactured, states the walloping carpenter, and he doesn't care who knows it. And now that he is back in the Card line-up he is satisfied; everything is fine and he loves the fans and the town and the papers and he is going to give the club his best services, play the game of his life and lose more balls than Gavy Cravath. He is going to be so good, in fact, that the Cards are going to win the pennant just like the Allies are going to win the war.

Here is the way Rogers (plural) has been treated or mistreated. He told the entire story to St. Louis scribe who is roaming about the scenery in Texas with the Cards on their training junket: "They manufactured a lot of stuff up North about me this winter, didn't they?" asked Rogers. "Well, it was manufactured, I know, because I wasn't talking to any one about my contract down home. I am glad they didn't trade me, because I like St. Louis as a city and the people. I broke in there as a big youngster and went to Spring training."

BALL FANS ASKED FOR OPINION ON TIME OF STARTING GAMES

When shall the baseball games begin at the local grounds of the Phillies and Athletics this year? This is the problem that the Mags, Baker and Mack will propose to the local fans. Shall the games be played on the clock or the sun? Both Ben Johnson and John K. Tener have indicated that the time of starting the games in the various cities of the American and National League circuits will be probably left to the individual clubs. Word has come from Washington that any attempt on the part of the baseball magnates to start the games later than usual will be met with disapproval. Johnson and Tener have said that no attempt will be made on the part of those in control of the national sport to conflict in the slightest way with the new daylight-saving law. The games here last year began in April at 3 o'clock. Later the time was 3:20, gradually working up to 2:45.

Philadelphia ball fans are asked to send in to the Sports Editor of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER their views as to the starting time of the local games. In this way Messrs. Mack and Baker may get an idea of the views of the men and boys who support the two major leagues in this city.

MACK WILL START ALL HIS GAMES ON THE CLOCK

Connie Announces They Will Be Played at Same Hour as Last Year

Jacksonville, Fla., April 2.—Connie Mack said today that the Athletics will play their games this year at the Mack stadium park according to clock time. He added that the games will be started at probably the same hour as they began last year.

The earlier games began at 2 o'clock during April and a part of May and then the starting time gradually grew later, most of the latter games in May and during the entire month of June and July beginning at 3:20 to 3:45.

GRANTLAND RICE NOW A FIRST LIEUTENANT

Widely Known Sports Writer Wins Commission in Artillery Regiment

Grantland Rice, whose articles until recently appeared daily in the sporting pages of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, and Walter Trumbull, former baseball editor of the New York World, have just been commissioned as first lieutenants at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. These well known and highly respected young authors late last December enlisted as privates in the 11th Field Artillery. Their rapid promotions speak volumes for both their ability and application. Their friends and they are legion, sincerely hope that the wonderful military progress of the two has only just begun.

OPPOSES PLAN OF LATER GAMES

Tener Frowns on Changing Starting Hour in National League

CLUBS TO SETTLE IT

President John K. Tener of the National League is opposed to any change in the time for beginning baseball games under the new daylight saving law. He said yesterday that, although the question was up to the clubs individually, he did not think any of them would take advantage of the new law and start the games later. He stated that he had heard of no contemplated changes in the time of starting among his clubs except in one or two cases, where the change suggested was very slight.

WHITE SOX TO WORK PITCHERS FULL GAME

Urban Faber, Shortstop and Hero, Will Try It This Afternoon

NEWS OF THE CAMPS

Houston, Tex., April 2.—Manager Rowland, of the White Sox, announced today that his pitchers will start all games at his park at 3 p. m. under the daylight-saving scheme. He said that the Sox would be a violation of the spirit of the daylight saving law.

Charles H. Wagonman, president of the Chicago Nationals, said that games at the national park also would start at 3 p. m.

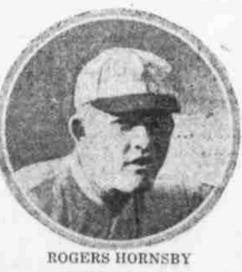
New Orleans, April 2.—The Cleveland Indians will hit the trail today for Dallas, Shreveport and Houston for a series of exhibition games. They will meet the New York Giants at Dallas Thursday.

Waco, Tex., April 2.—The Detroit Tigers rained out a 7-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds here yesterday afternoon in the first of a fourteen-game series between the two teams.

Sacramento, Cal., April 2.—A ninth-inning counter-attack by the Chicago Cubs was futile, and the Coast League team here won, 3 to 2. Jim Vaughn and Claude Hendrix let the Sacramento hits come in bunches.

New York, April 2.—Though President Ebbets of the Dodgers is silent concerning player deals affecting the Brooklyn club, it is rumored today that he may close a deal with Little Rock which will bring the veteran Ham Hyatt back to the National League. Talk of the possible sale of Jake Daubert to the Cubs is still in the air, but it is said the Dodgers will not part with their veteran first baseman unless Larry Lajoie reports for service with the team.

Beils Won Live-Bird Shoot Hazelton, Pa., April 2.—In a live-bird shooting match at Hazelton yesterday afternoon Peter Beils, of Jeannette, defeated Steve Mingo, of Hazelton, by killing twelve out of seventeen. Mingo grassed eleven. The match was for \$200.



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satisfied. That's all there is to it. Talk that Mr. Ricker and I are not good friends is silly. Talk that I wouldn't meet him and discuss salary is worse than silly. Why shouldn't I talk to him? He's been fair with me, and I'm going to be fair with any one that handles me right. Just say for me that I'm glad to be back with the club. "It's a little early to talk pennant, but we have a good chance. We'll have a better chance if a couple of men are added. We need another outfielder, and if we get him we'll look stronger."

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A. ★ SPECIAL SHOW WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25 LEW TENDLER vs. IRISH PATSY CLINE Also Good Preliminary Bout Tickets: 10c, 25c, 50c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 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